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# Every step you take

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

BIG Brother will soon be watching

over us with a new free app.
MotionMap, which shows the movements of people and vehicles across the city in real time, will be available for the public to download

Shoppers will be able to check out how busy their favourite hotspots are and track down the nearest available

and track down the hearest available parking spaces.

Milton Keynes will be the first city to be covered by the app, which is being introduced in an effort to ease growing congestion concerns.

Daniela Krug, managing director of Building Intellect – the company developing MotionMap – said: "The idea is we can use MotionMap as a 'busyness' application to show how how the contro of Milton Kourge is busy the centre of Milton Keynes is, how full the car parks are and how many people are on the roads and the buses.

"Firstly, a user might see the centre is really busy and change their plans to come another day. Or if they see the car parking spaces are all occupied, they might decide to take

the bus instead of driving.
"In collaboration with other hard measures, we predict MotionMap can help reduce congestion in the

city by between 10-20 per cent."

The app will be available for download on all smartphones and a beta version will be trialled in September ahead of the full release.

Approximately 2,000 sensors with low-resolution cameras will be installed across the city. The ambitious project may provoke privacy concerns, but Daniela insists 'only anonymised data' will be used.

She added: "The footage never leaves the location of recording and the resolutions of the company are set.

the resolutions of the cameras are so low that faces and licence plates do not get picked up." Melanie Beck, manager of Milton

Keynes City Centre Management,

voiced her support for the app. She added: "A lot of time has been spent working to develop transport modal shift in Central Milton Keynes, most recently with the launch of the cycle hire scheme, which has been hugely successful so far. We look forward to

this work coming together next year."
MotionMap was discussed at a
meeting of MK Data Hub last week

and another MK:Smart project details plans for an app to map out the city's redway network. Programmers, designers and people with local knowledge will attend MK Hackathon this weekend at software consultancy firm JUXT to develop the mobile app.







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# Policy reviewed after foster carer attacked

**MILTON Keynes Council says it** has reviewed its guidance to foster carers after one person was subjected to a 'horrific' attack.

Christine Mackay was nearly killed by an adult masquerading as a 15-year-old asylum seeker at her home in July 2011.

She tried to claim damage from the authority but the High Court threw her case out on

Thursday.
Milton Keynes Council believed the man, who called himself Aziz, was a 15-year-old unaccompanied asylum seeker from Palestine, who had illegally entered the UK in a lorry from Spain.

A spokesman for Milton Keynes Council said: "At the time, social workers carried out a full assessment to gather as much information as possible

on this young person.
"As a result of this case we reviewed our safer caring policy and have strengthened the guidance to carers in situations where we have limited information about the child in their care.

"This was a horrific attack on a foster carer and we would not seek to downplay this.

"But thankfully this is a rare occurrence and we would still encourage people to become foster carers as it is a deeply rewarding and worthwhile



Shell of a guess: Matt Knight, 27, with his football loving tortoise Me-Shell

# Mystic pet is **Euro's winner**

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

DO YOU remember the Octopus that correctly predicted the outcomes of some of the games in the 2010 FIFA World Cup?

Well meet the Milton Keynes tortoise Me-Shell who has been doing just that for the Euro 2016 competition

Owner Matt Knight, from Bletchley, decided to give it a go after friends suggested Me-Shell could be as good as Paul the Octopus.

In 2010 during the FIFA World Cup in South Africa, Paul correctly predicted the outcomes for all six of Germany's matches.

Paul, who lived at the Sea Life Aquarium in Oberhausen, Germany, at the time, also picked Spain to win the

final against the Netherlands. So far Me-Shell has correctly predicted the results of the France V Romania and England V Russia games. And on Monday night, the Hermann's tortoise predicted a draw for England V Slovakia right again!

Mr Knight, 27, said: "I have had Me-Shell since July 2015 and came up with the idea after seeing the octopus.

"Me-Shell has correctly predicted France V Romania, England V Russia and England V Slovakia. "Me-Shell lives on green leaves, but also has peppers and cucumber for a

Mr Knight, who is an MK Dons season ticket holder, was backing Austria as an underdog to do well and France to win, but is now just listening to Me-Shell.

See her videos at onemk.co.uk

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# **Community look** for missing man



Appeal: George Lanigan was reported missing on June 10 and the Tinkers Bridge community is rallying to help find him

THE son of a missing man has praised the community for their efforts to find his father.

George Lanigan, 58, from Congreve, Tinkers Bridge, was last seen on June 6 and was reported missing to police four days later.

Since the news broke, the community has launched searches and put up missing posters across the city.

A Facebook group, Help find George Lanigan, has also been set up to raise awareness and George's son – who lives in Manchester – has thanked them for their work in his absence. He said: "The news has been

upsetting, but it is nice to see the impact he has had on people's

impact he has had on peopies lives in the community.

"I'm really grateful for all of their efforts and support and I will be, along with other members of family, making efforts to come down and assist in searches in the next week." searches in the next week.

George is white, 5ft 11ins, of

medium build with grey hair.

He often wears a distinctive beanie hat and a sleeveless jacket and is known to frequent The Moon Under The Water at Xscape and Fishermead, as well as Tinkers Bridge.

April Rennie, a resident of Tinkers Bridge who has known George for five years, said: "George sometimes suffers from confusion due to a head injury, but he has never been gone this long. He is such a friendly and well-known member of the com-munity who gets involved in

events and he greets everyone.

"We have searched local pubs and looked along the canal where he often walked, but had no luck

Anyone with information on George is urged to call police on 101, quoting URN 1424 10/6.



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# oneMK briefs

**Dog kills sheep** DOG owners are being warned to keep their pets on a lead around livestock after a sheep died. The sheep was bitten by a dog in Tombs Meadow, Stony Stratford, on Wednesday and later died. Police are appealing for witnesses to call 101.

#### **Road closure chaos**

ROADWORKS in Tongwell Street are causing delays this week. The section between Dansteed Way and the A509 Portway is closed in both directions for work on the River Ouzel underbridge. The road will reopen next

## **Pagoda anniversary**

THE 36th anniversary of the Peace Pagoda was celebrated on Saturday in Willen, See how it was built at onemk.

# Robbers snatch van after parcel delivery

A DRIVER'S van was stolen after he was threatened.

Thames Valley Police is appealing for information after the robbery in Woburn

At about 8pm on Friday a 25-year-old man parked his van in Turnpike Court, Newport Road.
After delivering a parcel he

returned to his van and noticed two men stood by the side of it.

He thought one of the offenders was concealing a weapon under his t-shirt.

The men threatened the victim and told him to hand over the van keys. The victim threw the keys in

the road and ran towards Cranfield Road.

The two offenders got into the van and drove away into Newport Road towards the garden centre. The van, a white Volkswagen Transporter, also contained the victim's wallet, keys, an iPhone 6 and other personal

items, including documents.
The victim did not suffer any injuries.

Íhe van was later found in Colne, Tinkers Bridge.

The first offender is black, about 30 years old, between 5ft 6ins and 5ft 10ins, of medium build, with black hair and black stubble. He was wearing jeans, a black t-shirt

and a black zip-up hooded top. The second offender is mixed race, about 25 or 26 years old. of medium build, with two studs in both ears. He was wearing all black clothing.

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# Thanks to good samaritans

ON MONDAY June 13 I had a cycling accident on the redway from Beanhill to Netherfield shops and I would like to very much thank the three people who stopped and helped me by calling for an ambulance and staying with me until the paramedics

arrived.
They also very kindly called my work to inform them of the accident and secured my bike. I only have their names – Caleb, Tom and Hayley.
My apologies for the late

acknowledgement only I had to undergo surgery and have only been home a few days.

My sincere thanks to these three people – it is good to know that in situations like this there are people who will help in a crisis.

Many many thanks to Caleb,

Tom and Hayley. Should they wish to meet up for a more personal thanks my name and address is below.

**Chris Merriman** Hawkridge Furzton merricg@hotmail.co.uk

## Remembering MP Jo

ON BEHALF of Milton Keynes Labour Party I would like to say thank you to the people of Milton Keynes for their support following the murder of Jo Cox, the Member of Parliament for Batley and Spen, on Thursday, June 16.

We are still very much in shock at

the loss of this exceptional member of our wider Labour 'family' and we know that the country has lost an effective campaigner for social justice and a genuine force for good.

Many of our colleagues have also lost a personal friend

We know that the shock and sadness we feel is shared by many across the political spectrum and among those who don't normally have an interest in politicians

We also appreciate that people may wish to do something to support Jo's memory and further her campaigns.

The Labour Party has established an online book of condolences so that Labour members and supporters can send their own messages and express their thoughts at this troubling time. More details can be found at www.labour.org.uk/jo-cox In celebration and memory of Jo Cox, her family are also raising

closest to her heart. If anyone wants to donate they can do so here: www.gofundme.

funds to support three charities

I would be grateful if you could share this information with your readers and social media followers and hope that this is useful to anyone who wants to remember Jo in a positive way.

**Milton Keynes Labour Party** 

# **Send photo to win prize**



HERE at OneMK we know the lovely pictures you send in put a smile on our readers' faces so we have joined forces with the award-winning Comedy Cow

to keep you smiling.

Each week we will be giving two free tickets to upcoming events in one of the club's three venues across MK to the reader who sends in the best picture of our city. Winners can use their tickets to choose from a host of stars coming to Milton Keynes For details on The Comedy Cow's future events visit thecomedycow.co.uk





I'VE discovered the ultimate way to beat the jams during rush hour – a Cessna 152!

This two seater aircraft is where most aspiring pilots take their first flight, including me when I joined the Cranfield Flying School last week.

The Cessna used for my inaugural flight is 20 years old and the cockpit reminded me of an old Triumph Spitfire. And there's not a lot of room – after checking the engine dipstick, my instructor and I squeezed in. shoulder-toshoulder, side-by-side.

After completing the pre-flight checklist, we were given clearance by the control tower, and we were off!

Before I knew it, I was maintaining 'safe, level flight' over a congested M1, CMK, Willen, Olney and then back to Cranfield just 30 minutes later.
Take-off and landing is

another lesson but this trial was exciting, fun and thrilling.

But I may have to think twice before going for my Private Pilot's Licence at the moment - the total cost is a cool £9,300 and then there's the small issue of buying and maintaining a plane. I doubt I'll be flying my

private Learjet anytime soon.

#### Your messages about waste workers leaving **/OneMKNews** rubbish on pavements on our Facebook page

Caroline Saunders: "Maybe if people used the green bins for food waste, didn't put their rubbish out early and tied their black bags the

problem wouldn't be so bad.
"I am constantly picking up rubbish from my front garden, none of it mine, because of selfish people who can't be bothered to take more care or pick their rubbish up when their bags have been shredded by birds

Chris Snook: "Bags get torn when the dustmen decide to come round and throw bags into one big pile. I have complained but nothing changes. I then go out to pick up what's been left behind on the

Paul Kenny: "My bin men turn up as

early as 7am so my bins go out early. By the time the bin men have gone the rubbish is everywhere and not much can be done by that time." Dan Cochise Young: "The public need to put things in the right bags/ bins. Our job is hard enough as it is."

Stefania Jefferies: "This is not unusual, you can tell when it's collection day as there is more rubbish lying around afterwards. "I often go out and sweep up broken glass or rubbish outside my house. Adam Brady: "Same on my street. I'm forever driving over mess that has been left on the street after collection day! My road is quite narrow so I have no choice in doing so!" April Towell: "Some of the crews are brilliant. We used to have a fab bunch

and I know it is not always the guys fault. Residents need educating too and wildlife does not help. It is a mixture of things and we need to work together to get a resolution."

Muir Aaron: "I work on the bins and in all fairness the crew didn't have a shovel or tools to clean up the mess. None of the people on here know how hard the job is to clean up when residents put the wrong things in the

Louise Whapham: "I have no connection to Serco or its employees but come on give the guys a break. They are employed to take rubbish in bags away, not clear up nappies off the pavement and he did try to. Put your rubbish in stronger bags.'

For more on this story see page 13



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# Flagging up Art in the Park

ABOUT 20 Muslim women are currently creating flags inspired by Islamic art. which will be displayed at Art in the Park on July 9 and

Sessions have been held in the evenings at Milton Keynes College under the guidance of textiles artist Momtaz Begum Hussain,

who was named one of the Top 100 influential crafters in the UK.

Meanwhile, five teams will take part in a Bake Off-style competition, with three of them being made up of representatives from disability charities McIntyre MK, SNAP MK and Camphill Communities.

On July 10 celebrity chef Murray Chapman from First Contact Chefs will be running a competition with catering students from MK College among others.

Up to seven student chefs will be cooking live on the main stage and will also be put to the test in an omelette challenge.



Ticket: The number of parking tickets issued in the city rose by nearly 7,000 in just five years

# **Worst roads for** parking tickets

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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AFTER submitting Freedom of Information (FOI) request, OneMK can exclusively reveal the worst

streets for parking tickets.
Traffic wardens issued a total of 35,667 penalty charge notices (PCNs) in the city in 2015 - a rise of almost 7,000 in iust five years.

Midsummer Boulevard convincingly came out top as the road where drivers were caught out most, with Avebury Boulevard and Silbury Boulevard completing the top

City centre streets unsur-

prisingly dominated the list, but none even came close to Midsummer Boulevard's total of 7,393 PCNs.

Out of the data issued in the FOI, Queensway in Bletchley showed the sharpest increase in tickets issued – rising a staggering 62.7 per cent in just a single year. In terms of the estates, Conniburrow came out on top with 377 PCNs

issued last year.
Joy Cowell, chairman of
Conniburrow Community
Association, said she was surprised by the findings and insists illegal parking is not a big issue on the estate. She added: "We have not had

any complaints. Our proxim-

ity to the city centre is obviously a factor in these findings though.

"Most of the cars parked here are employees walking across to work. The only time we have a real big parking issue is during Christmas – they park around Germander Park School as it is free.'

Second to Conniburrow in the estate rankings was Oldbrook with 262, while Bradwell Common came third with 161 tickets issued last year.

OneMK contacted Milton Keynes Council - which is responsible for issuing PCNs but did not receive a reply by the time of going to print.

# Calais trip stopped at border

PEOPLE in Milton Keynes who tried to deliver aid to refugees in Calais were stopped at the border at Dover on Saturday.

Dozens were expected from the city to make the trip to the north of France to help refugees, taking items such as children's toys and books. They joined a wider group of hundreds of people from

London, but after six months of planning, they were denied entry in Dover when

they tried to go to France. Michael Hutchence wrote on the MK People's Assembly Facebook page: "Authorities refuse to let aid for refugees at Dover.

'Today we were also denied free movement; something that thousands of refugees

are denied every day.

"Not only is denying humanitarian aid to desperate people completely disgusting but it also shows how easy it is to take away the rights of others who do not agree with the

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# Flooding causes mayhem

SCHOOLS had to close in the city on Friday and a car was submerged in water in Stantonbury on Thursday after downpours caused chaos in Milton Keynes.

Stantonbury School, Stanton School and Heelands School were all forced to

Delays at a landfill dropping off point also caused problems with bin collections at the end of last week with a revised timetable in force since

Saturday.
And a family of six had to sleep in their living room after the roof of their home in Greenleys flooded.

But one resident Tracy Humberstone was able to see the lighter side of the floods and she made a Baywatchstyle video, which can be viewed at **onemk.co.uk** 

The revised bin collection timetable is also available on our website.

# 'We need to act now on housing'

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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#### MORE housing could be built by Milton Keynes Council to address the homeless crisis.

An overspend of £2.3million on temporary housing was announced by the authority in the last financial year.

The current Labour council pledged to build 200 council homes during the course of its administration and at the full council meeting next month, the possibility of building its own affordable housing will be discussed.

Councillor Rob Middleton, cabinet member responsible

for resources, said: "Housing in Milton Keynes is really tough – I'm asked each week at my surgeries about it.

"The market is becoming so tough that people on lower incomes and benefits are getting squeezed out.

"We do not think the home-less problem is going to get any better – it has reached a critical point and we need to

do something now."
At present, 400 families live in temporary accommodation and in the last financial year the council received 1,231 homeless applications.

In the last 10 years private developers have only met

housebuilding targets set by the council once and Cllr Middleton is urging central government to encourage developers to build more.

Places for People, which worked with David Wilson and Barratt Homes on new homes, schools and facilities in Brooklands, welcomed the council's plans.

spokesman company spokesman led: "The proposal will increase the range of housing options available. The development of more new homes, in well-designed neighbourhoods, can only be a positive thing to those hoping to make MK their home.

# One in 44 at risk of eviction

ONE in 44 people who rent houses in Milton Keynes are at risk of eviction, according to alarming new figures from housing charity Shelter.

The city is the sixth worst place in the South East for renters losing their homes, with only Slough, Dartford, Gravesham, Medway and Maidstone performing worse.

The situation in MK is worse than the average figure for the South East, which was one in every

The number of people facing eviction who are coming to Shelter for advice

In England is rising.
In the past year alone,
more than 9,800 people
facing eviction nationally called the Shelter helpline for advice.

Nadeem Khan, helpline adviser for Shelter, said: "Every day at Shelter we hear from people who are struggling to keep up with their rent, many in total desperation after the court

doormat and the threat of being evicted becomes very

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# Academics to speak at MKEX

TWO University of Bedfordshire academics who have made eight-year-old William Joyner, *pictured*, year-old William Joyner, pictured, a new hand using state-of-the-art 3D printing will be talking about their breakthrough at the MKEX Technology Exhibition at stadiummk today.

David Jazani and Mark Hooper developed the technology and will be at the exhibition, which takes place from 9am until 4pm.

# **A5 death could** not be avoided

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

A CORONER thanked those who tried to save the life of a man on the A5 at his inquest on Friday.

Barry Keen, 30, from Medbourne, died at the John Keen, Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford after he crashed on the Caldecotte Roundabout on December 11.

The car overturned at about 10.40pm but Mr Keen escaped and walked up the embankment to the A5 where he was hit by two vehicles.

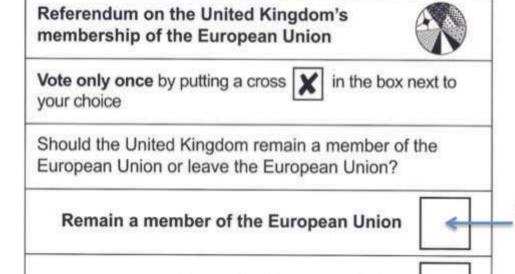
No-one could ascertain why Mr Keen decided to walk onto the dual carriageway, but he may have been disorientated. Cocaine was in his system but assistant coroner Elizabeth Grey said 'there was no evidence this had affected him'.

Three of the drivers involved were told they could not have avoided hitting Mr Keen due to the lack of lighting and that

down, Mr Keen's partner, who has a child with him, cried throughout the inquest but Miss Grey, who concluded he died as a result of a road traf-fic collision, said: "Don't let this inquest be the final moment of Mr Keen, think about the happy memories and what people did to help. "I would like to thank all the

witnesses for their tremendous effort - none of you could have avoided what happened."





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# **Dragon Boats** make a splash

SUISSE Paddleports won the Milton Keynes Dragon Boat Race at Willen Lake on Sunday. Nearly 700 representatives from Milton Keynes businesses were furiously paddling their 40 foot boats, aiming for glory and raising thousands of pounds for festival charity Age UK Milton Keynes. Hundreds more people also watched the action from the riverbank.

# Video catches waste workers

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A WASTE management company is investigating after a video showed workers leaving rubbish and dirty nappies behind on the path.

Bradwell Common resident Mark Sanders shared the video on social networking site Facebook, which has been watched more than 800 times and can be seen on onemk.co.uk

He claims that on June 7

Serco staff drove over rubbish before failing to pick up the contents of the bags they

He said: "It was the driver that drove over the bag in the morning and split it and then they didn't want to pick up the dirty nappies, which were all over the place, and found funny that one of them didn't want to pick them up."

Serco has confirmed it is investigating and will take appropriate action to ensure it doesn't happen again.

Mark Sturgeon, lead contract manager, said: "We are disappointed that on this occasion we fell short of our usual high standard of service we provide to more than 116,000 households across MK every week and would like to offer our apologies to preduced Comment residents. Bradwell Common residents.

"We do take this type of report very seriously and are investigating the incident and will take appropriate action to ensure this does not happen again."

# Cloudy2Clear Announce Trusted Trader Partnership

Consumer champions Which? have now joined the thousands of customers who recognise that Cloudy 2Clear Windows really are a business that you can TRUST. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged broken or damaged by replacing the panes
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Leighton Buzzard areas and manager Stephen Moon agrees that this approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge grount of business huge amount of business from friends and family from friends and family of people I 've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated as both my customers and, obviously a body as nationally important as Which? now recognise.

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# Ladies walk for Brian's bravery

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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FORMER mayors and mayoresses are taking part in MK Midnight Moo for ex-councillor Brian White.

Mr White, who was Mayor of Milton Keynes from 2013 to 2014 and MP between 1997 and 2005, retired as Labour councillor for Stantonbury in February.

But just as he was about to embark on a new life in Spain with his wife Leena Lindholm-White, he found out he had terminal cancer.

He said: "I have always suffered cramps but this time last year started getting internal cramps in my organs and as it got to Christmas I realised there was something wrong.

wrong.
"They found masses on
my kidneys, which they
then investigated
further and found I had a
tumour in my gullet

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"A CT scan showed the cancer had spread into

the liver and into my bones. It was inopera-

Walking for Brian' is a team of ladies showing their support for him and Willen Hospice, which is helping with his care alongside Milton Keynes University Hospital and Macmillan.

The team is so far made up of former mayor, councillor Catriona Morris, and former mayoresses, including Brian's wife and Vicki McLean.

Others hoping to join the team include Pete Winkelman's wife Bernie.

OneMK and MKFM are also supporting the team.

Cllr Morris said: "Like many, we were devastated when we learned of Brian's news and wanted to do something positive to show our support."

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Criticism: The message on this A-Board outside **Bar Bar Black** Sheep in Wolverton prompted a customer to write a letter stating they would not be

# Controversial letter

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CUSTOMER has left a letter in an establishment stating they will not visit it again because of its 'promotion of homosexuality'.

Social enterprise cafe, bar and gallery Bar Bar Black Sheep, based in The Square, Wolverton, put a message on its A-board last week showing its support for the victims of

the Orlando shootings.

The message said: "If the sight of two dudes holding hands bothers you then go elsewhere! coffee

on Saturday, a typed note was left by an unidentified customer that quoted verses in the Bible and stated: "I ask you kindly to refrain from promoting homosexuality further in the public domain.

"I simply can not agree with your blatant promotion of what is immoral. "Children could walk past

that sign and you could have a negative influence on decisions they make in life.

"I also think you'll find your coffee shop will become much more popular with the majority of residents in Wolverton, who are also members of local Christian churches. Please be sensitive to the beliefs of the majority in the future."

Meanwhile, a vigil was held at popular LGBT nightclub Pink Punters in Fenny Stratford on Saturday night, where a book of condolence has also been made available. ExclusiveLGBT, which runs

themed nights at The Galleon pub in Old Wolverton on the last Saturday of the month, will hold a minute's silence at its event this weekend. Balloons will also be released in honour of the victims.



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# Owner's plea after her 'fur baby' dies

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A DOG owner has been left heartbroken after her 14-week-old puppy died.

Shauni Hart, who works at Pets at Home, in Bletchley, is warning others to give their dogs all their jabs, after her little 'fur baby' Eddie, a Manchester terrier puppy, is believed to have died from the parvovirus.

As OneMK has previously reported, two young dogs died of parvovirus in March this year and Woburn Sands' vets Greensands was urging owners to check the status of their

dog's vaccinations.
Parvovirus is a highly contagious life-threatening disease.

The symptoms include severe vomiting. depression, bloody and diarrhoea smelly jaundice and pain around the stomach area; however, some

cases show very mild, if any, clinical signs. Miss Hart has pleaded for people to vaccinate

their dogs. She said: "Spread the word, please vaccinate your dogs, keep them up to date with their jabs, please pick up their poo, please think of every dog owner and understand my heartbreak. Eddie had both his puppy vaccinations.

"He was only small, he was only a baby, and he was curious, loving and clever.

"I now wake up without my baby by my side knowing that I will never walk him by the lake again and I'll never watch him grow up.

"This is something that could be prevented, if everyone was responsible.

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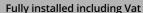
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Julian Scriven, managing director of nextbike UK, which is director of nextbike UK, which is looking after and maintaining the bikes and docking stations, said: "Parking is a problem in Milton Keynes and I've experienced it myself. This is one of the best cities, if not the best, for biking and this is a ridiculously cheap way of getting around Milton Keynes in a way that is also healthy."

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# Police bidding to raise money for charity on eBay

BY CHRIS KNIGHT

THE police took to Facebook this week to promote their latest appeal – for people to visit their eBay shop.

Funds raised from the sale of property that has come into Thames Valley Police's possession contributes to the property act fund, which via the Chief Constable, can provide donations

to charity.

There are currently 10 items in the shop available for sale. A spokesman for Thames Valley Police

said: "This is used to allow for the disposal of property that has come into our possession.

"Property comes to us from various locations across the force whether it be found property, which is usually handed in at the front counters, or by way of evidential property, which is property seized during the course of an investigation.

"Evidential property is booked in and held in the Evidence Management Unit at the relevant station while the investigation is carried out.

"Once all enquiries are completed a decision is then made as to how best to

handle the property.
"Where possible we always try to return property, however, there are times when this is not possible or appropriate or items are not collected.

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Similar eBay shops are run by other police forces such as Leicester and Sussex.

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# Tennis tutor serving up inspiring lessons

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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PARENTS have praised a passionate tennis teacher who come rain or shine is giving young children free lessons.

Pete Tolaini, who has taught tennis for 25 years, is rolling out the Lawn Tennis Association's scheme by teaching children aged five to eight at Wolverton Tennis

At the end of one of the six week courses, children get a free tennis racket and can ioin their local club.

Mother-of-two Barry, from Wolverton, took to Facebook when her daughter Francesca, aged five, turned up to her first lesson, but due to the rain was the only one of 10 who attended.

The 28-year-old said: "He could have just said go away and come when we have

"Francesca wasn't in the best mood because of the rain and no-one had turned up but for half an hour he taught her and made it fun and enjoyable.



youngsters about tennis. You can sign up at clubspark.lta.org.uk

'Pete is so passionate and really knows how to engage children at her level."

There is now a waiting list for some sessions as parents continue to be inspired by Mr Tolaini, but spaces are available. As well as Wolverton, the courses are also available at Great Brickhill Tennis Club, Milton Keynes Tennis Club in Woughton, Stony Stratford Tennis Club and Newport Pagnell Tennis Club. Mr Tolaini, 63, commented:

"I have as much fun as the children do and have lots of fun exercises to engage them. "Not all schools teach tennis

anymore and the fact this is

free always brings people in.
"It is ideal for me as a coach
as it brings both children and their parents to the club.

"I got the bug for tennis when my daughter started playing and with many houses looking onto the tennis courts I hope the word courts I spreads."



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# **Meet Betty, your** robotic manager

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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HOW would you fancy a robot manager who checks you are not working too late and makes sure the office is not too hot or cold?

Transport Catapult has introduced Betty the robot into its offices in Midsummer Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes.

She is the first robotic office manager in Britain. programmed with the latest artificial intelligence software.

Betty will spend the next two months trundling down corridors and skulking around desks to monitor staff and check environmental conditions.

She will carry out tasks including patrolling the workplace, assessing how many staff members are in the office outside working hours, monitoring the environment by collating data on clutter, office temperature, humidity and noise, as well as checking fire doors are closed and desks are clear. She will also be tasked with greeting



Robot: Check out more pictures and a video of Betty in her new office home in Milton Keynes on our website at onemk.co.uk

guests at reception. Betty is a highly sophisticated robot, running artificial intelligence-driven software developed by an international research team led by the University of Birmingham. She is part of the £7.2million

EU-funded STRANDS project where robots are learning how to act intelligently and independently in real-world environments.

Transport Catapult's chief operating officer Mark Ruddy

commented: "At the transport catapult, innovation and new technologies are at the core of our business so we are excited to be hosting the STRANDS project. Thanks to our ongoing work on autonomous technology, Betty Betty should feel right at home.

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In the spotlight: David Cameron was at the Arena:MK on Sunday as part of an EU referendum special hosted

# It's Question Time

#### BY SCOTT KIRK

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A WOMAN who appeared on Question Time on Sunday and spoke to Prime Minister David Cameron has spoken 'amazing about her 'amaz experience' on the show.

Catherine Jones, who is orginally from Bradville, told Mr Cameron at the Arena:MK that she thought both sides of the EU debate should be ashamed of the way the campaigns have been fought.

Her chief reason for being there though was to champi-

on the cause of mental health issues and at the end of the programme she grasped her opportunity.

The mental health worker said: "He shook my hand at the end and I put my hand over his other hand and said 'you need to help' and I looked him right in the eye. He said 'yes we will'.

"It was an amazing experience hearing all the different points of view."

Catherine, 30, also said that there were tight security measures, with people having their phones taken off of them when they arrived at the arena two-and-threequarter hours before the programme began on BBC1.

Members of the audience Members of the audience went through two security checks but Catherine, who now lives in Rugby, said not having a phone actually made for a pleasant experience.

"Just discussing politics was an amazing experience and it was quite liberating not having phones because people

ing phones because people

actually talked to each other. "There was lots of banter and laughs and there was no tension at all."



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# Izzard ignites Europe debate

EDDIE Izzard hosted a discussion with Milton Keynes College students ahead of tomorrow's EU Referendum.

After making a speech last
Wednesday, the comedian
answered questions and debated
the pros and cons of the UK's
membership

He said: "I'm here to talk to younger people on this great vote – this is one decision that will affect the next 100 years."

# Students hold EU referendum

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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STUDENTS at a primary school are not only learning about the European Union but are holding their own vote tomorrow.

vote tomorrow.
Year Five students at Chestnuts Primary School in Bletchley have been deciding which way they will vote and writing their own speeches in class

Teacher Michael Sears said:

"As a school we are the only global education centre for learning in MK, including global learning in the curriculum like politics. We look at current issues and get the whole school involved."

Year Six students will count the number of votes, with the result announced on Friday, but speaking to some of the young voters it looks like the majority will vote to leave. The students said they have

The students said they have really enjoyed learning about

the EU, as well as talking about it with their parents. They all agreed now they have learnt about it they will be sure to use their vote when they are old enough.

Abbie-Jane Gates, 10, wrote

Abbie-Jane Gates, 10, wrote in her speech to the school: "I would vote to leave so we can take back control. We send 60 times more money to Brussels than we spend on the NHS cancer drug funds. We should spend our money on hospitals not the EU."





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Looking good: College students, above and below, take to the



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To give you an example, if your home is worth £500,000, which with house prices rising at a rate of approximately 5% per annum is very probable now or in the near future, and you have savings and investments worth £400,000, your Inheritance



## Business Manager

Tax bill on death could be as high as £100,000 for married couples and £230,000 for single people! The government has offered an olive branch with a promised additional allowance for family homes of £175,000, but this will not take full effect until 2020, and even then, many people's estates will still be hit with significant Inheritance Tax bills

Tax planning can be an incredibly complicated and daunting task if you don't know where to begin. There is also a stark difference between tax evasion which is illegal and tax avoidance and planning which is completely legitimate. Luckily with the right financial plan in place you can significantly reduce any Inheritance Tax liability that your loved ones may be faced with. It is important to start planning sooner rather than later and not leave it to chance.

There are many different options and strategies available including gifting money (within specified limits) ensuring you have an up to date Will in place and setting up trusts, but as always these are not easy to implement and manage without the correct advice and guidance. For example, did you know that upon marriage a Will is revoked, but divorce does not automatically revoke a Will.



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# Stars of the Future



Stars of the Future: Models check out how they look in the Hairdresser of the Year competition

#### BY ANDY HANDLEY

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MILTON Keynes College put its brightest stars in the spotlight with a spectacular event in Middleton Hall at the centre:mk. Stars of the Future took place from Thursday until Sunday and featured performances and challenges showcasing the

talent of college students. Themes included art, design and fashion, hair and beauty, catering and hospitality and creative, music and performing



Nailing it: Health and beauty students attended the show

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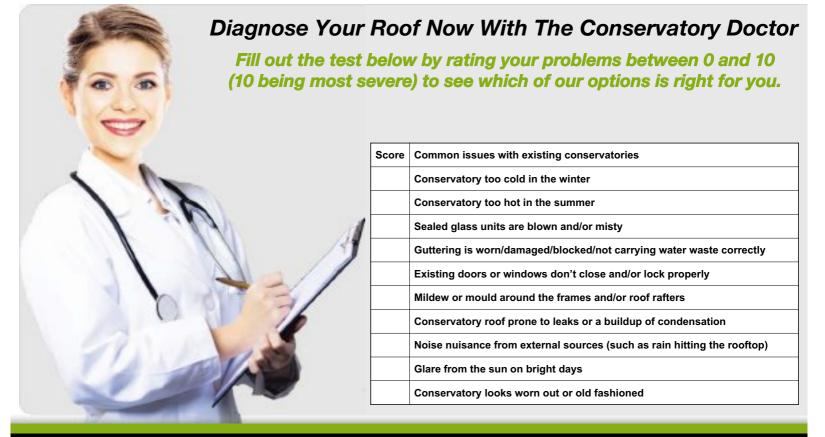
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# Wind in the Willows makeover for park

#### BY CHRIS KNIGHT

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# A PLAY area is set to undergo improvements with a Wind in the Willows theme.

The park at the end of Petworth in Great Holm will see new equipment installed and safer surfacing introduced to minimise the risk of children suffering cuts and bruises

The project – which has an estimated cost of £80,000 – is the product of a collaboration between Milton Keynes Council and Great Holm Parish Council.

Councillor Zoe Nolan said:

Councillor Zoe Nolan said: "We are delighted to see the plans for this play area in Petworth in Great Holm.

"There has been a lot of local interest and support and Milton Keynes Council has worked closely with the parish on the design.

"We are looking forward to

"We are looking forward to having the new park installed very soon."

Written by Kenneth Grahame in 1908, children's novel The Wind in the Willows focuses on the adventures of Mole, Rat, Mr



Upgrade: After work on the Great Holm play park is completed, an official opening is expected to take place by early October

Toad and Mr Badger. The novel was selected as the theme for the play park's improvements as the name Great Holm means flat land by the river.

by the river.
Shelley Bartlett, deputy leader of nearby Great Holm Pre-school and a local childminder, expressed her joy at news of the improvements.

She said: "I am so pleased to see plans to upgrade our park at Great Holm, it was beginning to look shabby. I will be making good use of the new facilities.
"I firmly believe that having

"I firmly believe that having spaces for outdoor play is a very important part of child development."

Work on the play park is expected to begin towards the end of the summer and will take approximately three weeks to complete.

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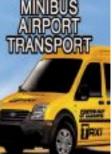
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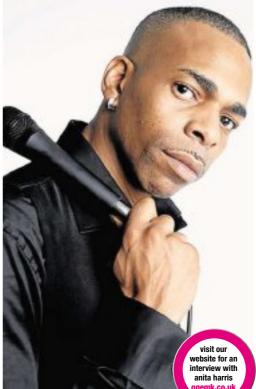
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Slim - whose show at Hackney Empire recently sold out ahead of a short UK tour - will be supported on the night by John Newton and Stefano Paolini.

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MANAGING director James Frost is this week sharing his garden-ing tips for what we hope to be a warm summer over the next few months. Read some of his advice and how Frosts Garden Centre in Woburn Sands can help you

#### **COTTAGE** garden plants need regular deadheading, as do bedding plants, in order to keep them looking good and flowering continuously during the summer period.

Some plants such as hardy geraniums and delphiniums can be cut back hard to encourage new growth and to get a second flush of foliage and flowers.

With the warmer weather and lush foliage keep an eve out for pests and diseases and treat as required.

Popular pests include the scarlet red lily beetle, which should be removed and disposed of. Watch out for scale insects on the back of bay leaves. If your dahlia or fuchsia get small holes and tears in the leaves they are likely to have capsid bug, you need to seek advice at your local garden centres on how best to treat these pests.

In the kitchen garden, harvesting is in full swing with peas, beans, beetroot and salad crops all ready to harvest, ensure that you also pick courgettes on a regular basis so that they don't turn into marrows!

If you have some large overgrown clumps of stately bearded iris in your garden this is the month to split and divide the roots and replant.

And finally if you haven't already, why not check out the new outdoor showroom at Frosts Garden Centre in Woburn Sands. It is the largest display of outdoor furniture in the region.



# **joe**mcelderry

MK LIFE has spoken with X Factor winner Joe McElderry ahead of his performance in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, which is coming to Milton Keynes Theatre at the end of the month.

Speaking about his lead role, he said: "I know this is an iconic role but I just wanted to go out and enjoy it. It is a fantastic story and the audiences have already really enjoyed it so we have a good feeling about Milton Keynes."

Joe was selected to be in the production of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's sparkling family musical, which continues to enjoy huge success across the country with standing ovations at every performance.

Joe said even though it is a story based on religion people continue to love seeing it.

The show will be in MK from Tuesday to July 2 with daily performances at 7.30pm and matinees at 2.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday. There will also be a 2pm and 5pm showing on Saturday. Book tickets costing from £14.90 at www.atgtickets.com

SMASHBURGER, one of the fastest growing fast food restaurant concepts, has expanded across the pond with its first UK restaurant at the Kingston Centre in Milton Keynes.

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# americanguitarist

# warcraft

I WENT into this film not really expecting anything ground-breaking – and it failed to not even deliver as much as I thought it would.

Having said that, I would still recommend people go to the cinema to watch it, especially in 3D, because the special

effects are outstanding.
Warcraft is based on the hugely
popular computer game World of
Warcraft and it did feel like I should have played the game before I watched this

Some of the plot points seem very clunky and there is some bad acting at

various points.
But it looks like the majority of the budget has been spent on the special effects, which really are majestic in this film, and as good as any you will see.

Travis Fimmel is brilliant in Vikings, but he doesn't really make the jump to the big screen in my opinion.

Paula Patton, who you may remember from Deia Vu and Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol, is also a bit bland, which is a shame.

The story about the Orcs is fairly intriguing, but in terms of character development you won't really remember them on the basis of this performance Scott Kirk \*\*\*

LOS Angeles singer James Jared Nichols will be hoping to rock The Craufurd Arms on Saturday night.

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and I am the very model of a modern Major General.

In The Pirates of Penzance, young Frederic has been apprenticed to a band of tender-hearted pirates until he reaches his 21st year.

Thinking he has fulfilled his indentures, he decides to return to respectable society - but after a discovery this all changes.

With fearsome pirates, silly police and virtuous maidens, this promises to be an evening of fun, laughter and wonderful music

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 for adults, £8 for full-time students and senior citizens and £5 for children aged 16 and under. Contact the box office on 01908 324466



# classicalmusic

# IT WILL be 'hats off to Haydn' at the Danesborough Chorus

Summer Concert in Woburn Parish Church on Sunday.
The Austrian composer Franz Joseph Haydn was one of the most prolific and versatile classical composers and his St Cecilia Mass and Symphony No 47 will be played on the

Conducted by Ian Smith, and accompanied by the Milton Keynes City Orchestra, soloists Bethany Seymour (soprano), Joel Williams (tenor) and Callum Thorpe (bass) will all play their parts in the performance.

Tickets for the concert are now available from £17 reserved and £10 unreserved, including a free programme. Concession tickets costing £5 are available for under-18s for the performance, which begins at 7.30pm

For tickets and more information, contact Danesborough Chorus box office on 01908 583460, or visit www.danesborough.org.uk

# parkfilms

#### OFF the back of the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations, Heart MK Breakfast heard about the people being honoured by Her Majesty.

The Queen's birthday honours list included people from all walks of life throughout Buckinghamshire and the usual smattering of celebrities.
We loved that Ant & Dec were

recognised and we loved their typically understated reaction to the news, especially when we heard they'd dedicated the award to their mums!

Over the last few weeks you've been helping us to pick the films to he shown at The Parks Trust Open Air Film Festival, which is on in Campbell Park on August 20 and 21. We can reveal that you chose Labyrinth and Guardians of the Galaxy on Saturday and Inside Out, Despicable Me and Hairspray The Musical on Sunday. All the details of the event are online at heart.co.uk

Finally, keep listening to Heart for details of our new summer game, which could see you winning big everyday we play through the summer! Stuart & Katy will have more details soon, so stay tuned!

Tune in to Heart Breakfast with Stuart Miles and Katy Hill on Heart



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Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

AN EVENING of swing and big ballads from Lance Ellington is coming to The Sculpture Gallery at Woburn Abbey on Friday.

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Other research from mortgage and loan broker Ocean Finance suggests that about 60% of us have lived in the same house for more than 15 years, while one in ten say they've not moved for 31 years or more.

That's a long time at one address, but this striking manor house is pretty unusual as it's been in the same family for more than 150 years. Built by Andrew Martell's ancestors who made their fortune from the lead mining industry, he and wife Shelagh have lived in the imposing gothic-style Shotley Hall in County Durham for 35 years.

The couple are now downsizing and have just put their grade-II\* listed Victorian



home on the market for £1.35m. It's got 11 bedrooms, four bathrooms, and three big reception rooms. Highlights include traditional feature fireplaces and ten stained glass windows – many created by acclaimed designer William Morris – which give views of the 3.3 acres of grounds.

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This amazing achievement would not have been possible without, not only all the hard work of our amazing team here at Northwood Milton Keynes, but all of our wonderful clients taking the time to let everyone know how much they value the service we provide! With reviews being posted not only by our longstanding landlords and tenants but the property buyers and sellers we have worked with too, we thank you all!

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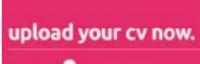
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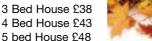




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Demolition of existing rear boundary wall to no. 44 and 46 Cambridge Street and erection of 2 metre replacemer boundary wall, removal of timber fence and increase in height of side boundary wall to 1.9 metres and repointing and repairing brickwork including addition of blue bricks to wall and erection of new 1.4 metre high gate within wall Demolition of existing garage to rear of property and creation of block paved rear driveway. Repairs to front boundary wall, brickwork on ground floor bay window and repointing of rear gable wall at 44 And 46 Cambridge Street, Wolverton

Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of two storey side and single storey rear extension (resubmission of 15/02550/FUL) at 28 Furze Way, Wolverton 16/01368/FUI

16/01502/FUL Replacement flat roof to reception area including new roof lantern at Milton Keynes Village Hall, Willen Road, Milton Keynes Village

16/01515/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey rear extension, re-roofing and conversion of existing outbuilding into utility at 34 Russell Street, Woburn Sands

#### **SECTION 67 & 73** LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

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# Van drivers in the dark over EU vote



# By: Ian Johnson

Jun 13, 2016

VAN drivers are in the dark over which way to go when it comes to the EU in or out referendum, according to research by Mercedes-Benz.

A study carried out by the German car and van maker reveals that most drivers don't know enough about the EU referendum to make an informed choice.

A quarter of Brits who drive a van for a living said they don't feel confident enough in their knowledge to know how to vote, while nearly 30% are unsure if Britain leaving the EU will have an impact on their business or the businesses they work for, meaning many of them are still unsure of which box to tick on June 23.

According to Mercedes almost 60% (58%) believe, to an extent, that the EU imposes too many rules on businesses, although a fifth (19%) of van drivers

flagged concerns that working hours in the UK will worsen if the UK were to vote to leave the EU, with 40% concerned that it would be harder to trade with the rest of the UK.

Just over 40% (41%) believe that Britain's status in the world would be damaged by leaving the EU, making the country 'less secure'.

However, 46% of van drivers felt the country would have greater control of its borders if the UK votes to leave, with nearly 70% (67%) wanting Britain to

reduce the number of migrants coming to the UK to work anyway.

The study revealed that at this stage, 22% of van drivers don't know whether they are going to vote to remain in, or leave the EU, while, a third confirmed they will vote to remain in, and 40% said they'll vote to leave.

Official figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) have shown that UK industry entered recession following two successive quarters of shrinking output. The ONS measured falls of 0.4% in both the final quarter of 2015 and in the first three months of this year – a technical recession for the sector.

However, the ONS also measured growth of 0.3% between February and March, highlighting further confusion for the public as to the state of the nation.

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Steve Bridge, managing director of Mercedes-Benz Vans UK, said: "The nation's van drivers support the foundations of this country, so their unease in knowing which way to vote is a big indicator of the uncertainties facing the UK public as a whole. Our research highlights real concerns from van drivers, which needs to be addressed by both the Vote Leave and Stronger In campaigns.

"When you then factor in that the UK is

"When you then factor in that the UK is in a 'technical' recession, but has also measured growth, it is no wonder that van drivers feel unsure of what to do for the best."

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# **SEAT Ateca** - First Drive

**Bv: Jon Smith** 

SEAT may have been late to the SUV party but it looks likely to become one of the most popular

Its new Ateca has all the credentials to challenge front runners such as Nissan Qashqai, Renault Kadjar and its own cousin, the VW Tiguan in UK's fastest growing sector

Like the newly released Tiguan, the Ateca is built on the group's lightweight MQB platform which is used by Golf and Audi A3.

With a sporty image and priced to undercut the VW, the £17,990 to £29,990 SEAT range looks great in the flesh with sharp, racy styling and clean lines that should make it stand out from the crowd.

A subtle family grille dominates the nose but it's nowhere near as aggressively-styled as say the Hvundai Tucson.

First models go out to customers in September although order books opened on June 1. Three diesel models and two petrol versions will be available with a choice of either six speed manual gearbox or dual clutch automatic transmission, at extra cost.

Only the diesel models will be offered with fourwheel-drive.

Most makers of compact SUVs find that in UK the take-up of all-paw drive is small and SEAT anticipates no more than 15 per cent of Atecas will be all wheel drive.

Similarities between the Leon and the Ateca in the cabin are immediately noticeable.

The dash layout is clean and appears well laid out with switches and dials with easy reach. There's plenty of tactile, soft touch plastic but trim quality is a tad down on either Audi or VW, more on a par with Renault and Nissan.

Three trim levels are available but even the entry S versions have air condiitioning and seven airbags as standard.

The top model - the Xcellence leather upholstery, and LED headlights.

Climb aboard the Ateca and you first notice its roominess. There's loads of shoulder space, more in fact than in the Audi Q3. In fact, it is marginally wider than the Audi, though fractionally shorter.

Rear seat passengers have ample headroom for six-footers and loads of legroom.

The boot, too, is bigger than most rivals with a capacity of 510 litres and 485 litres in four wheel drive versions

An electric tailgate closes at the touch of a button. Sometimes the action proves a bit too leisurely - especially when it's raining.

Get behind the wheel, and the Ateca has that familiar SEAT feel with eager and accessible performance and a minimum of fuss.

I first drove the 1.4TSI (£20,960 in SE form) which pushes out 148bhp and accelerates to 62mph in a nifty 8.5 seconds and then on to a maximum of 125mph.

With light controls and a slick six speed manual gearbox it's easy and undemanding on twisty country roads or cruising down a motorway. The steering is a shade numb but that's not unusual with SUVs.

The TSI should prove cheap to run with CO2emissions of just 125g/km and an official combined consumption of 52.3 mpg.

Roll angles are well controlled during brisk cornering. There's definitely a bit of hot-hatch DNA about this version of the Ateca and the free-revving 1.4-litre engine emphasises its sporty character.

The most popular version in the range is expected to be the 2.0TDi (£22,875 in SE form) which uses the VW group's ubiquitous diesel 148bhp engine.

A sturdy workhorse with gutsy performance and impressive economy, it is nevertheles somewhat audible at low idle and low speeds.

Press-on and relax the revs, and it quietens to a distant murmur. Acoustic glass helps in making the Ateca a refined car for motor way cruising.

Acceleration is about the same to 60mph as the 1.4TSI but the diesel's extra torque makes it feel quicker when overtaking or in high gear.

Top speed is 116mph and the combined fuel consumption is 62.8mpg, about 10mpg better than the petrol model.

A 1.0litre, 113bhp three cylinder version will be also available but these are yet to roll off the production line.

It's hard to under-estimate the importance to SEAT of the new model – it will offer loyal buyers of the marque a chance of remaining within the fold as their families and grow. And it is sure to attract a high proportion of conquest sales to the Spanish brand.



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# Maserati makes Quattroporte quicker



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MASERATI is updating its flagship Quattroporte saloon with two new trims and some aerodynamic tweaks to make it even quicker. With changes to the nose including a more imposing grille flitted with an air shutter to reduce drag by up to 10 per cent, the V8 model – with its Ferrari-sourced 530hp V8 engine – now has a top speed approaching 195mph. The new models will be coming on stream in the summer and see the introduction of Gran Lusso and GranSport trims across the range which is now priced from 270.510 for the 3.8-litre V8. Three-litre V9 petrol models cost from 282,750 – an increase of some £1,100. All of the new models now have matt black side skirts and redesigned door mirrors while inside the cabin has been updated with an 8.4-inch high definition touchscreen and a restyled centre console which incorporates a new phone storage area. Apple CarPlay and Android Autosmartphone mirroring functions are now included as part of the car's connectivity systems while adaptive cruise control, lane departure warnings and automatic emergacy braking systems are among new options. So is a surround view camera. The new trims will be available on the V6 models have subtle spoilers front and rear with chrome detailing in the nose and sit on 20-inch alloys while inside they feature luxury appointments including silk fabric trim. The GranSport flash is designed to give the Quattroporte a more aggressive stance and it comes with 21-inch wheels, gloss black bumpers and red brake calipers. The interior features sports seats, stainless steel pedals and aluminium paddle shifters as well as piano black trim. There's also the option of a carbon pack for the body with coverings on the door mirrors, centre pillars, door handles and bumpers. option of a carbon pack for the body with coverings on the door mirrors, centre pillars, door handles and bumpers. While the engines and 0 to 60 acceleration times remain unchanged, the slippier body styling moves the top speed of the diesel up to 157mph, the V6 petrol to 179 and the V8 to a maximum of 194mph.

#### JLR HEADS DOWN TO RIO **By: Chris Russon**



# ABARTH TURNS

# By: Chris Russon

more sting in the tail of its latest model with a new 595 that's quicker and more affordable than before. The new Abarth 595 is priced from £15,090 with the line up topping out at £22,290 for a convertible in high performance Competizione trim. Three specifications are available, all powered by a 14-liter Left urbo engine with various amounts of boost taking power from 145 horsepower to 165 in the mid-range Turismo models and up to 180hp for the Competizione. Open top versions are available in all three grades and carry a £2,000 premium. The new Abarths have larger front air intakes for greater engine cooling, redesigned rear diffusers and sit on 17-inch lightweight alloy wheels which are designed to provide extra ventilation for the braking system. Inside, the cockpit of the 595 has also been updated with a flat-bottomed sports steering wheel which on the Competizione is carbon fibre and covered in Alcantras. Sports seats and colour-coded facias are also included and the new models have revised instrumentation as well as a Beats audio system and a touchscreen which is hooked up to the Uconnect Live information service. An upgraded version of the Uconnect tive information service. An upgraded version of the Uconnect tive information service. An upgraded version of the Uconnect tive information service. An upgraded version of the Uconnect set up is also available and includes Abarth Telemetry for gauging driving performance as

well as preloaded points of interest for fans of the famous Scorpion badge marque. The Competizione, priced from £20,290, is a true enthusiast's model and comes with a Record Monza exhaust system and can also be fitted with a mechanical limited slip differential to enhance handling. Other specialist features include Koni shock absorbers and Brembo brakes to accommodate the 595 absorbers and Brembo brakes to accommodate the 595 Competizione's 0 to 60 acceleration time of 6.7 seconds and 140mph maximum. A Sport mode has also been fitted across the line up which changes throttle response and steering feel as well as switching the instrument read outs to a 'racing' configuration. Despite the hot hatch credentials Abarth claims an official fuel return of 47mpg with emissions of 139g/km for all versions of the 595.

Fifteen body colours are now available including a vibrant Modena Yellow which Abarth had previously reserved for its flagship 695 Biposto Record – a model dubbed the world's smallest supercar. Personal touches can be added with a choice of three custom packs with Abarth side stickers, mirror caps and front and rear bumpe inserts in white, black or red



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# NEW SKODA KODIAQ 'BEARS' ALL By: Mike Torpey



SKODA'S new SUV the Kodiaq is due to hit UK streets later this year and the Czech brand has released sketches that highlight exactly how appealing the newcomer will prove.

Design chief Jozef Kaban is the man behind the stylish looks, set off with a highly recessed shoulder line, sculptured rear section and long wheelbase.

Flat, raked headlights are positioned on both sides of a wide grille, their appearance paying homage to traditional Czech crystal glass art. Skoda says the Kodiaq, named after the 3,500 Kodiak bears that live on a remote island off the southern coast of Alaska, will be available with two extra seats in the third row as an optional extra.

Otherwise the SUV will have the largest boot in its area of the new car market.

Kaban said: "The Skoda Kodiaq is a pioneer for our brand in two respects. We are entering a new segment with our first large SUV above the Yeti. "And at the same time, the Kodiaq is the first model with the new Skoda SUV design language. It is powerful and emotive, but also timeless."

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#### ASTON MARTIN DB11 TAKES TO THE HILL BY: MIKE TORPEY



SUPERCAR fans will get the chance to see the stylish new Aston Martin DB11 up and running for the first time at next week's Goodwood Festival of Speed. The 600bhp, 5.2-litre twinturbo V12 GT stunner will be on display in the Michelin Supercar Paddock during the Festival weekend and will be driven up Goodwood's 1.16-mile hillclimb by Aston Martin chief Andy Palmer. Aston will also give its Vantage GT8 - the lightest and most powerful V8-powered Vantage ever built - its first UK public runs at Goodwood, driven in a timed run category by the company's works driver Darren Turner. And a year on from its global unveiling at the Festival of Speed, Aston Martin's track-only supercar the Vulcan will be back to tackle the hillclimb, also with Turner behind the wheel. The £155,000 DB11 – the first product launched under the company's 'Second Century' plan - can also be seen as a static display at Goodwood as part of the Moving Motor Show. Alongside it will be the Rapide S model, which will also be available for visitors to experience along with the V12 Vantage S Coupe and Vanquish Volante. Meanwhile, the Vantage GT8 will be on display in the Supercar Paddock during the main Festival of Speed weekend. Inspired by the company's GTE race car programme, only 150 examples of the £165,000, 4.7-litre GT8 will be built and all have already been sold.

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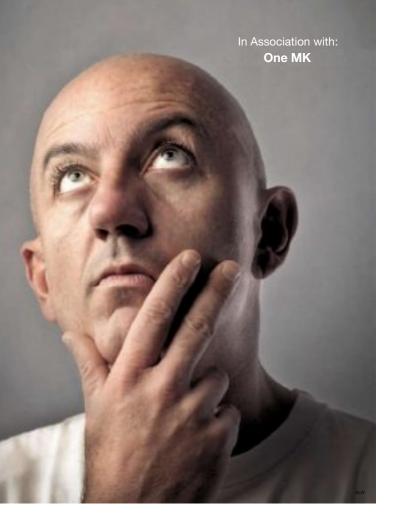
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Round Britain & Amsterdam	1 Apr	11	Astoria	Tilbury	£1,439	FREE
Majestic Fjordland	11 Apr	8	Astoria	Tilbury	£989	FREE
Fjordland Splendour	18 Apr	9	Astoria	Tilbury	£1,119	FREE
Round Britain & Amsterdam	26 Apr	12	Astoria	Tilbury	£1,589	FREE
Baltic Cities & St Petersburg	8 May	13	Magellan	Tilbury	£1,569	FREE
Fjordland Splendour	20 May	9	Magellan	Tilbury	£1,139	FREE
Medieval Cities & River Seine Experience (returns to Newport)	28 May	6	Magellan	Tilbury	£639	FREE
Majestic Fjordland	14 Jun	7	Columbus	Tilbury	£869	FREE
British Isles Discovery	20 Jun	10	Columbus	Tilbury	£1,339	FREE
Iceland & Northern Isles	29 Jun	13	Columbus	Tilbury	£1,789	FREE
Grand British Isles Discovery	11 Jul	13	Columbus	Tilbury	£1,789	FREE
Baltic Cities & St Petersburg	23 Jul	13	Columbus	Tilbury	£1,789	FREE

Cruise Programme	Departure Dates	Days	Ship	Departure Port	1st Person	2nd Person
Majestic Fjordland	4 Aug	8	Columbus	Tilbury	£989	FREE
Canary Islands & Madeira	11 Aug	15	Columbus	Tilbury	£1,859	FREE
Amsterdam & Antwerp Weekend	25 Aug	4	Columbus	Tilbury	£419	FREE
Scottish Highlights & Faroes	28 Aug	8	Columbus	Tilbury	£1,019	FREE
British Isles Discovery	4 Sep	10	Columbus	Tilbury	£1,339	FREE
Baltic Cities & St Petersburg	13 Sep	13	Columbus	Tilbury	£1,739	FREE
Majestic Fjordland	24 Sep	8	Magellan	Tilbury	£969	FREE
Majestic Fjordland	25 Sep	8	Columbus	Tilbury	£989	FREE
European Cities & Fairytales	1 Oct	10	Magellan	Tilbury	£1,239	FREE
Spain, Portugal, France & Gibraltar	2 Oct	13	Columbus	Tilbury	£1,509	FREE
Land of the Northern Lights	10 Oct	15	Magellan	Tilbury	£1,859	FREE
Canary Islands & Madeira	14 Oct	16	Columbus	Tilbury	£1,779	FREE
Medieval Cities & River Seine	24 Oct	7	Magellan	Tilbury	£829	FREE
Grand Cuba, Belize, Panama & Caribbean Experience	29 Oct	47	Columbus	Tilbury	£5,439	FREE
Land of the Northern Lights	30 Oct	15	Magellan	Tilbury	£1,859	FREE



# **Hundreds attend rugby festival**



Festival of rugby: Teams take each other on during MKRUGGERFEST

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BY SCOTT KIRK

HUNDREDS of people came out for a festival of rugby at Milton Keynes Rugby Club in Emerson Valley on Saturday.

MKRUGGERFEST included a host of different tournaments for men and women that were held for the 43 teams

that competed throughout the day. Organiser Andrew Flowers said he thought it was the best festival that had ever been held at Milton Keynes Rugby

"Without a shadow of a doubt it was the best event we have ever had," said

"I feel that we're really establishing ourselves and Milton Keynes can continue to enjoy this in the future."

The annual MKRUGGERFEST is now one of the biggest Rugby 7s festivals in England and they have been rolling out the red rug to rival teams from all over the country.

Among the teams that competed at the Emerson Valley Sports Pavilion were the Hungary national team.
They lost 31-17 in the Men's Open Zoti

Sports Cup final to North Walsham.

There were a host of other competitions as well, including the men's elite tournament, which was won by Apache Braves as they defeated Colchester Wise Monkeys

The Men's Open Shield final saw Newbold RFC defeat Brumbarians 31-15. In terms of how the local teams got on, MK Zulu Warriors reached the final of the Men's Open Bowl which was a good

achievement but unfortunately they were beaten 35-26 by Cobras Rugby.
Olney Hammerheads were knocked out

by the Hungarian team, while Olney Rascals were beaten in the quarter-finals, going down to a 19-10 defeat to North Walsham.

In the Women's Open Finals, FRN beat Buckingham Swans 31-0. FRN were a last-minute addition to the tournament as they were struggling to raise a team. But not only did they manage to get a team together, they beat all of their rivals to win their competition.

As well as the rugby there was live music throughout the day, while there were also plenty of food stalls and children's play

activities for people to get involved with. Andrew reckoned that up to £1,000 had been raised for Willen Hospice thanks to the event, while the club would benefit to the tune of around £7,000, which will help through the quiet summer months until

the season begins again.
The event took place just a week after club chief Gary Spinks and friends returned from a hell and high water London to Paris mission which saw them raise £20,000 and counting for MK youth

#### CRICKET

# Stony win their first game of the season

STONY Stratford beat Horton House by 70 runs in the Northamptonshire

Cricket League. Teja Nidamanuru notched up a score of 76, which included 10 fours and two sixes as Stony scored 207.

He got four wickets as well. as Horton were dismissed for 137.

In the Cherwell Cricket League Great Brickhill won a thrilling derby against Leighton Buzzard Town.

George Morris was unbeaten on 118 as they scored 283-5.

Leighton Buzzard were bowled out for 276 in reply as Brickhill secured a seven-run victory, with Ahad Khan picking up a five-wicket ĥaul.

In the Four Counties Cricket League, Olney Town beat Thurleigh by 60 runs. Town scored 137 runs in the first innings but four wickets from Josh Selvey

helped them dismiss

Thurleigh for 77. North Crawley look to be getting back to winning ways as they defeated Aspley Guise by 127 runs.

Milton Keynes were beaten by Biddenham by six wickets.

Ben Warren was 40 not out for MK in the first innings as they scored 141-7, while their opponents won with six wickets to spare in the

# **Milton Keynes City Cricket**

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Junior outdoor nets are on a Thursday and senior nets on a Friday during the season, however we move indoors during the winter months.

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The first team have won the league once and the second team have won their division on several occasions.

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# Smith, 14, falls just short of an outing at Wimbledon

**BY CHARLIE BENNETT** 

MILTON Keynes tennis starlet Dylan Smith insisted he could still hold his head up high despite falling just short of a dream outing at Wimbledon.

As the likes of British number one Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams prepare for this month's Wimbledon assault, Baker had the chance to book himself a spot at the world-famous venue as he competed in the HSBC Road to Wimbledon

peted in the HSBC Road to Wimbledon East Regional Qualifier at Gosling Sports Park in Welwyn Garden City. The 14-year-old Ousedale School pupil was playing for a spot at August's National Finals of the HSBC Road to Wimbledon 14 & Under Challenge at the All England Club.

But despite falling short of a memorable outing at the famous SW19 courts, Milton Keynes Tennis Club's Smith is adamant we haven't seen the last of him after losing to Daniel Webb 3-6 5-7

"It was pretty close. I would have won if I held my serve better," he said.

"I am pleased with how I got on but disappointed I didn't get through to Wimbledon, although not everyone can. It was an intense match and I was

"I have been consistent throughout and I did not make too many errors. It has been a really good tournament and I will learn from it and become a better

The HSBC Road to Wimbledon National 14 & Under Challenge, the



You're ace: Dylan Smith is holding his head up high after playing in the HSBC Road to Wimbledon East Regional Qualifier

UK's largest grass court tournament, forms part of HSBC's investment in grassroots tennis.

Each year more than 10,000 young-sters take part in the series of national tennis tournaments, helping to inspire the next generation of Wimbledon stars to take their tennis careers from the back garden to Centre Court.

Judy Murray attended the event and she was impressed with what she saw

from the crop of 2016. She said: "Going along and receiving coaching on how to hit the ball properly is one thing but competitive opportunities at a young age need to be fun and stimulating because you want them to enjoy the sport and keep coming back. In my opinion it doesn't get more stimulating than the ultimate prize of being able to play at Wimbledon.

"Wimbledon is one of those places

that is on most people's bucket list or it is their dream to go there but for most people they are only able to see it on the television so this is creating a wonderful opportunity for kids." HSBC is the Official Banking Partner

of The Championships and is committed to supporting grassroots tennis, helping to inspire the next generation of Wimbledon stars. Follow @HSBC\_ sport on Twitter.

### sport briefs

#### **ICE HOCKEY**

MK LIGHTNING have secured the services of Czech forward Frankie Bakrlik for the 2016-17 season. He has a reputation as a proven goalscorer who refuses to be intimidated in his pursuit of points. Since his arrival in Milton Keynes last November he made his mark with his uncompromising style of play - and in 32 league games scored 41 points and became the club's third highest goalscorer. The club's head coach, Pete

Russell, said: "Frank is the best power forward in the league and scores big goals so he brings so much to our group. He is a great team player and wants to win.

#### **BADMINTON**

ENGLISH mixed doubles pairing Ben Lane and Jessica Pugh notched up their first international senior title of 2016 at the Spanish International.

The fourth seeds in Madrid were imperious throughout the competition, sweeping Jakub Bitman and Alzbeta Basova aside in straight sets in the semi-finals to reach Sunday's final in style. And Lane and Pugh did not disappoint in the final, even-tually triumphing 21-14 15-21 21-14 over French pairing Gaetan Mittelheisser

#### ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes Athletics Club athletes won four bronze medals, including three in the triple jump, at the England AA track & field championships held in Bedford. Chuko Cribb leapt 15.21m in the U23 triple jump competition, which also broke the 30-year old club record set by Darren Gomersall in 1986 with 15.06m. Laura Zialor made it to the U20 podium for the second consecutive week with a performance of 12.21m. Jamil Hassan recovered from injury to take the U20 men bronze with a huge personal best of 14.46m (adding 33m to his 2015 best). This is the fourth best jump in the club's all-time rankings for this discipline. The in-form Kayleigh Presswell won bronze in the under 23 ladies hammer throwing the 4kg implement a distance of 54.32m. In the track and field leagues both the club's senior and under 15 athletes were in action and both finished second in their respective leagues.

#### **RUGBY UNION**

ED BUCK has joined Olney Rugby Club as a strength and conditioning coach. Pre-season training at the club starts on Tuesday.

#### **CYCLING**



In motion: Alice Barnes of Drops Cycling Team competes at the Aviva Women's Tour

Picture by Larry Hickmott/veloUK.net

# Team involved in the women's tour

CITY based Drops Cycling Team were in the midst of five days of pulsating racing action in the Aviva Women's

Starting in Southwold on the east coast on Wednesday last week, there were stage finishes in Norwich, Stratford-upon-Avon, Chesterfield, Stoke and, closest to MK, the finishing stage into Kettering.

The six strong Drops line-up featured Alice Barnes, winner of the Lincoln GP in early May and of a round of this year's Matrix Fitness Grand Prix just two weeks ago in Stevenage, Team GB U23 cyclo-cross star Hannah Payton and Laura Massey.
They faced a star filled line-up

including number one female cyclist in the world Lizzie Armitstead.

Barnes finished 12th in the final stage, which was the best finish they had in the entire race.

Team patron Bob Varney said: "They've all worked selflessly for each other and I can't be more proud about

**Teams do battle** in rugby festival



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# More disappointment for Ricciardo in Azerbaijan

BY SCOTT KIRK

THE disappointment continued for Red Bull driver Daniel Ricciardo at the European Grand Prix in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Sunday.

Ricciardo started on the front row

of the grid in second position but he went backwards during the race and ended seventh, which was a major disappointment for him.

"We need to understand why because we usually perform well in hot races," said Ricciardo.

"It was a bit unexpected. I got everyone's hopes up by saying it could be the race of the season. It was, however, pretty uneventful.

"I went from being very optimistic about our race to being uncertain.

"I don't think we had the wrong strategy, one stop would have been ideal but we had to adapt and were

forced into a two stop race."

Team principal Christian Horner admitted that he was frustrated with how the race went.

"Ultimately it was a disappointing result after having started on the

front row of the grid but on the supersoft and the soft tyre for both drivers we appeared to get into quite a lot of degradation as early as laps four and five.

"That situation didn't change after the first stop onto the soft tyre, where again both cars reported high degradation very early, on a tyre that was supposed to go to the end of the race. It was a frustrating race but at least we got both cars to finish and we extended our lead over Williams

in the constructor standings."
Red Bull's Max Verstappen came

home eighth having started from ninth. He said: "Of course you want to finish higher up but that was not possible.

And the bad times continue for former Red Bull driver Daniil Kvyat

Nico Rosberg emerged as the overall victor with Ferrari's overall victor with Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel second and the Force India of Sergio Perez coming third. Lewis Hamilton finished fifth.

The next Grand Prix will take place in Austria on Sunday, July 3.

# Dons due to find out when they will play rivals

MK DONS find out their fixture list for the upcoming League One season today.

The first clash that most people will be looking for is the game against AFC Wimbledon, although the club's fixture against other fierce rivals Peterborough United

will also attract a lot of attention. Dons fans will travel 4,926 miles in League One this season.
The shortest trip of the season is

to Northampton Town, which is just one junction up the M1 and a round trip of 45 miles.

The return journey to Oxford United is just 91 miles.

The 396-mile round trip to Fleetwood Town, just north of Blackpool, is the longest of the season, but there are a few 300 miles plus journeys for fans to contend with, including Bolton Wanderers (337), Bradford City (317), Bury (331), Oldham Athletic (330) and Rochdale (344).

There was confusion this week over when the League Cup draw would be made, but the Football League announced yesterday that the first round draw would be made today alongside the release of the league fixtures. Normally it is drawn the day before the league

fixtures are announced. Two years ago Dons beat Manchester United 4-0 in the competition.

Meanwhile, former Dons centre back Antony Kay has joined Bury on a two-year deal.

Kay was released by Dons at the end of the season following the club's relegation from the Championship.

The 33-year-old had been at the club since 2012 and helped Dons to promotion to the Championship in 2014-15.

Yesterday the club revealed their

new kit for the 2016-17 season. Their three kits are white, red and black, with the keeper jerseys being yellow, green and pink.



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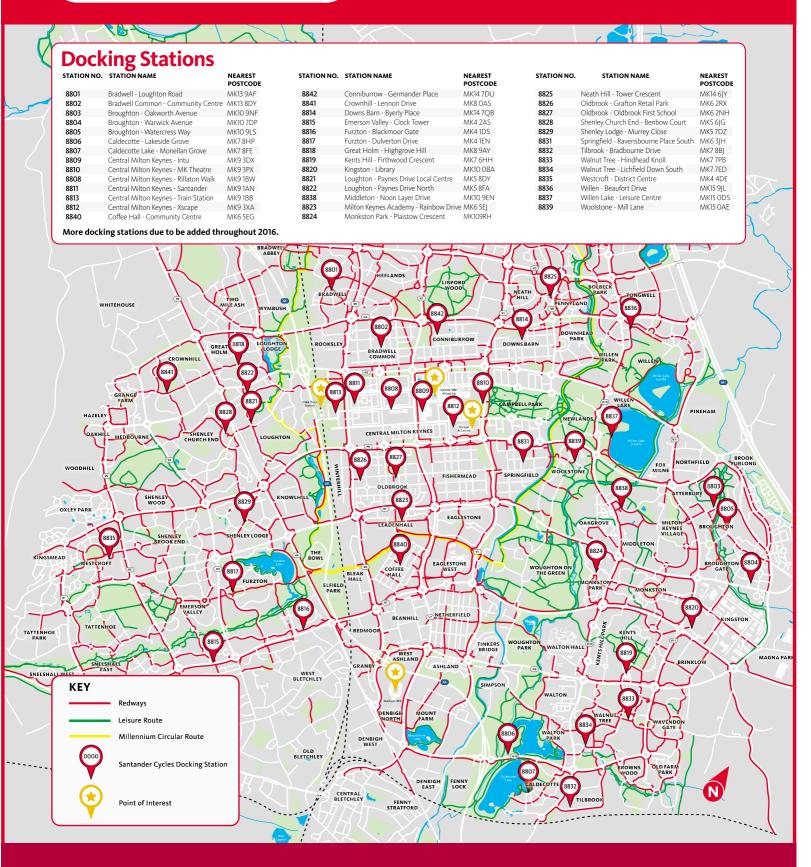
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